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REMARKS:**Status Of Claims**

Claims 1-46 were previously pending, claims 1, 10, 19, 20, 28, and 43 have been amended, and claims 18 and 46 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 1-17 and 19-45 are currently pending in the application with claims 1, 10, 20, 28, and 43 being independent.

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Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 18, 19, and 46 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In this regard, claims 10 and 43 are essentially claims 18 and 46, respectively, rewritten in independent form, and are therefore allowable.

In the office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8, 10-25, 27, and 43-45 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abe, U.S. Patent No. 6,088,652, in view of Berstis, U.S. Patent No. 6,182,010, and Nanba et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,739,772. The Examiner also rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abe, Berstis, and Nanba in further view of Yokoyama, U.S. Patent No. 6,236,276. The Examiner also rejected claims 9 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abe, Berstis, and Nanba in further view of Kaneko, U.S. Patent No. 5,729,109. The Examiner also rejected claims 28-33 and 35-42 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abe, Berstis, and Nanba in further view of Harada, U.S. Patent No. 6,052,645. The Examiner also rejected claim 34 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being

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unpatentable over Abe, Berstis, Nanba, and Harada in further view of Yokoyama. Applicant respectfully submits that the currently pending claims distinguish the present invention from Abe, Berstis, Nanba, Yokoyama, Kaneko, Harada, and the other prior art references of record, taken alone or in combination with each other.

Specifically, now claim 1 recites "wherein insignificant detail is removed from the overlay screen at the decision point based on a set of criteria". Similarly, claim 20 now recites "wherein insignificant detail is removed from the overlay screen at the decision point based on a set of criteria". Finally, claim 28 now recites "wherein insignificant detail is removed from the geographic detail at the decision point based on a set of criteria". Thus, claims 1, 20, and 28 now include limitations similar to that found in originally filed claim 18, which the Examiner has indicated is allowable. As a result, claims 1, 20, and 28 are now also allowable.

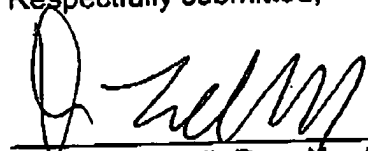
The remaining claims all depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 1, 10, 20, 28, or 43 and are therefore also allowable. It should be noted that amendments to claims 1, 10, 20, 28, and 43 are intended to accept allowable subject matter. Applicant reserves the right to present versions of the previously pending claims in a continuation application yet to be filed.

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 501-791. In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is courteously solicited.

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